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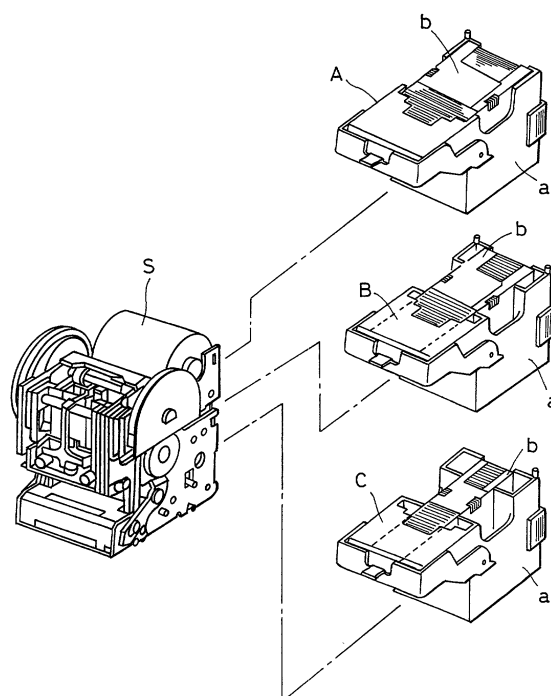
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(54) **Sheet stapler unit and sheet processing device**

(57) A stapler unit comprises a stapler (S) provided with a stapling device for stapling a sheet stack, and a staple cartridge arrangement detachably loaded on the stapler and provided with a staple receiving device for receiving staples. A plurality of the staple cartridges (A, B, C) for receiving staples having a plurality of lengths are provided in the staple cartridge arrangement, and each of the receiving devices of the plurality of staple cartridges (A, B, C) is provided with a guide for controlling, when the staple cartridge is loaded, staples received therein so that the longitudinal centers of the staples are positioned at the same positions as those of the staples having other lengths.

FIG. 1



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